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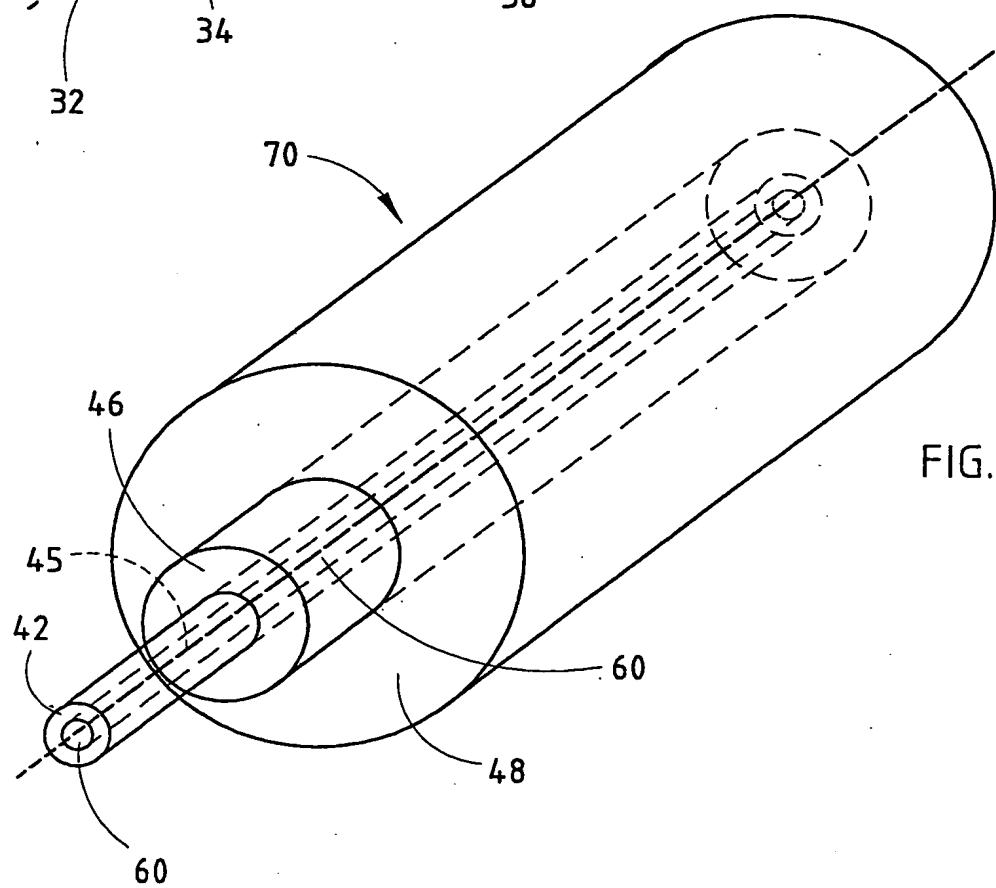
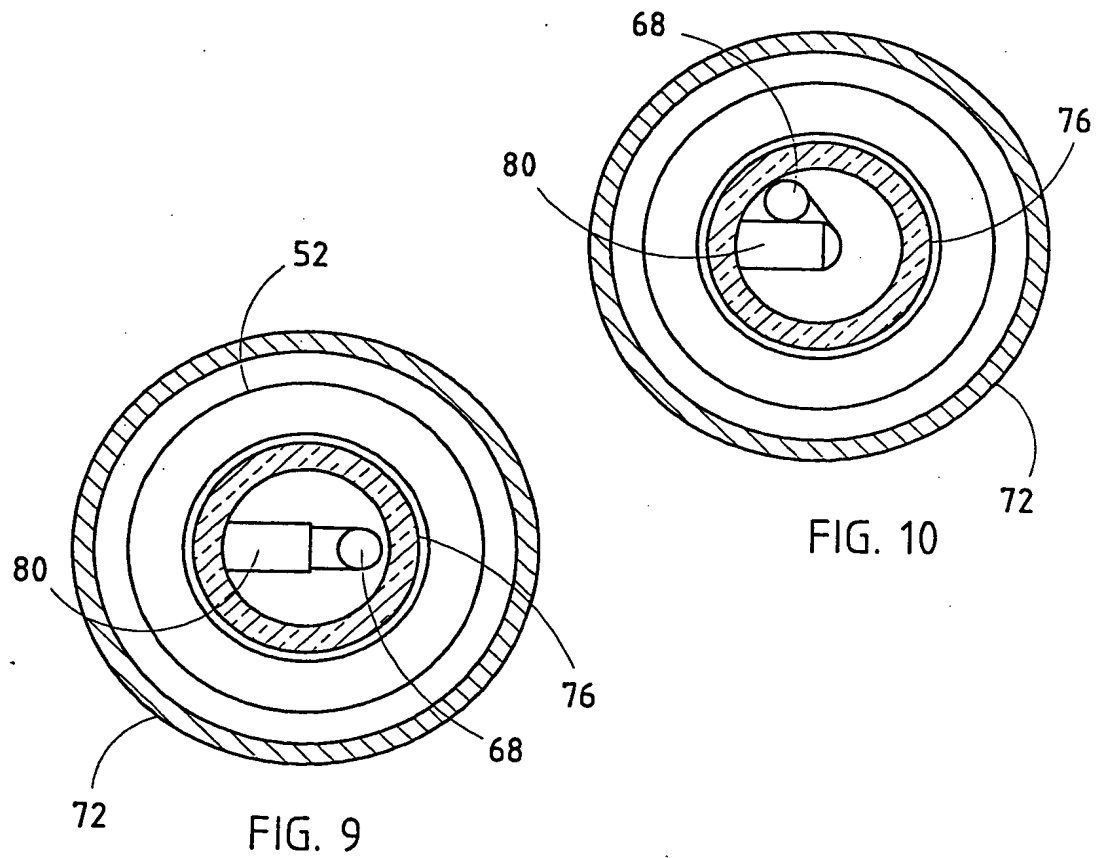
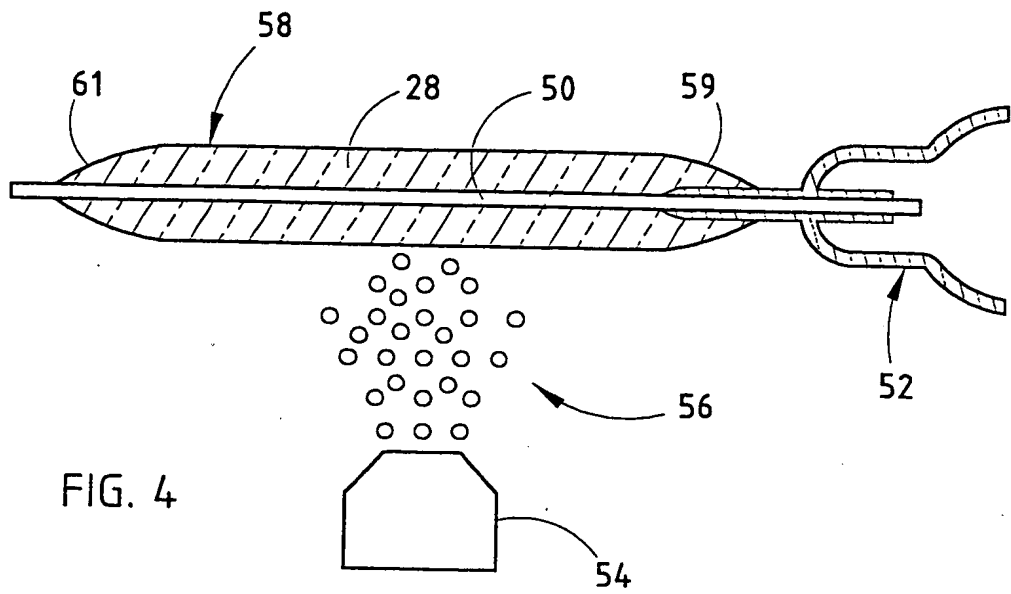


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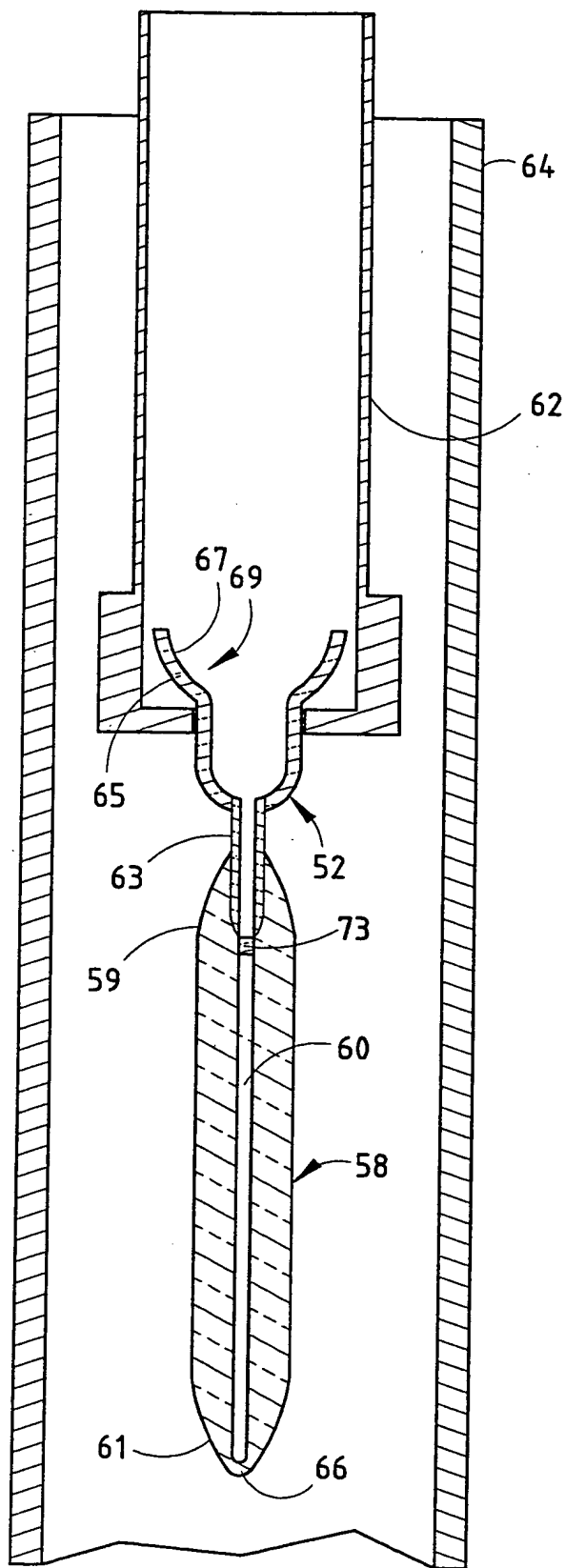


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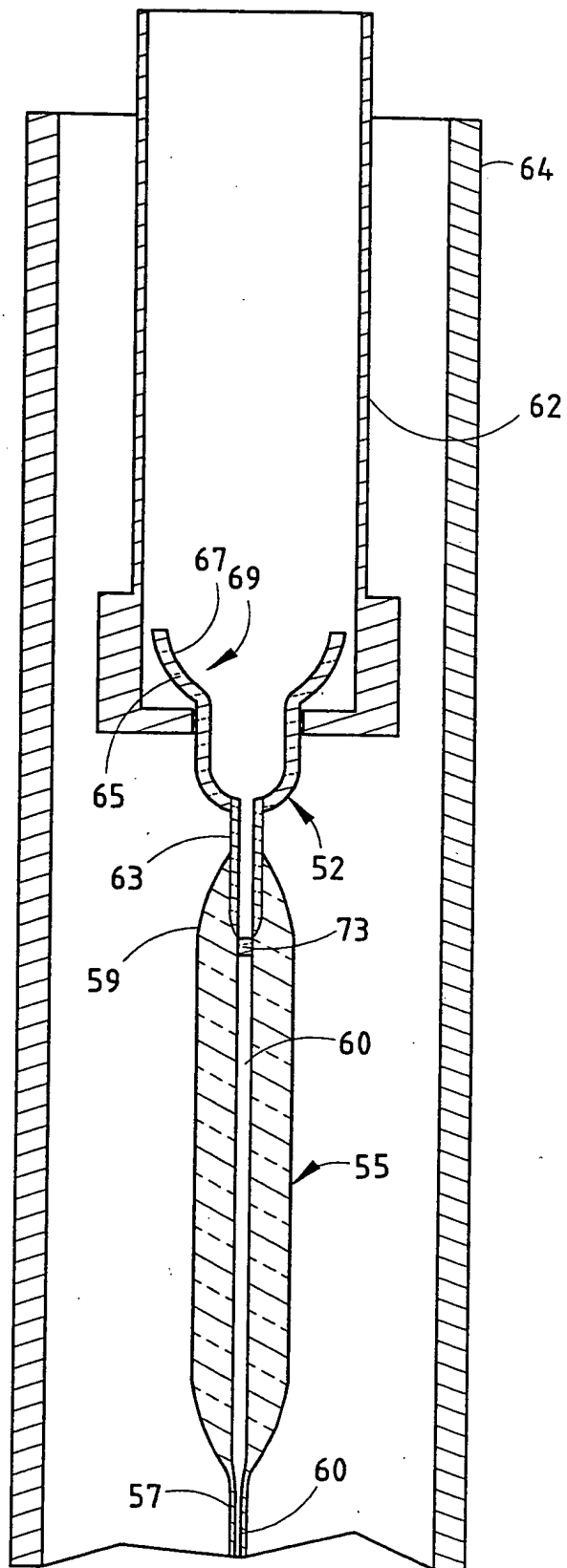
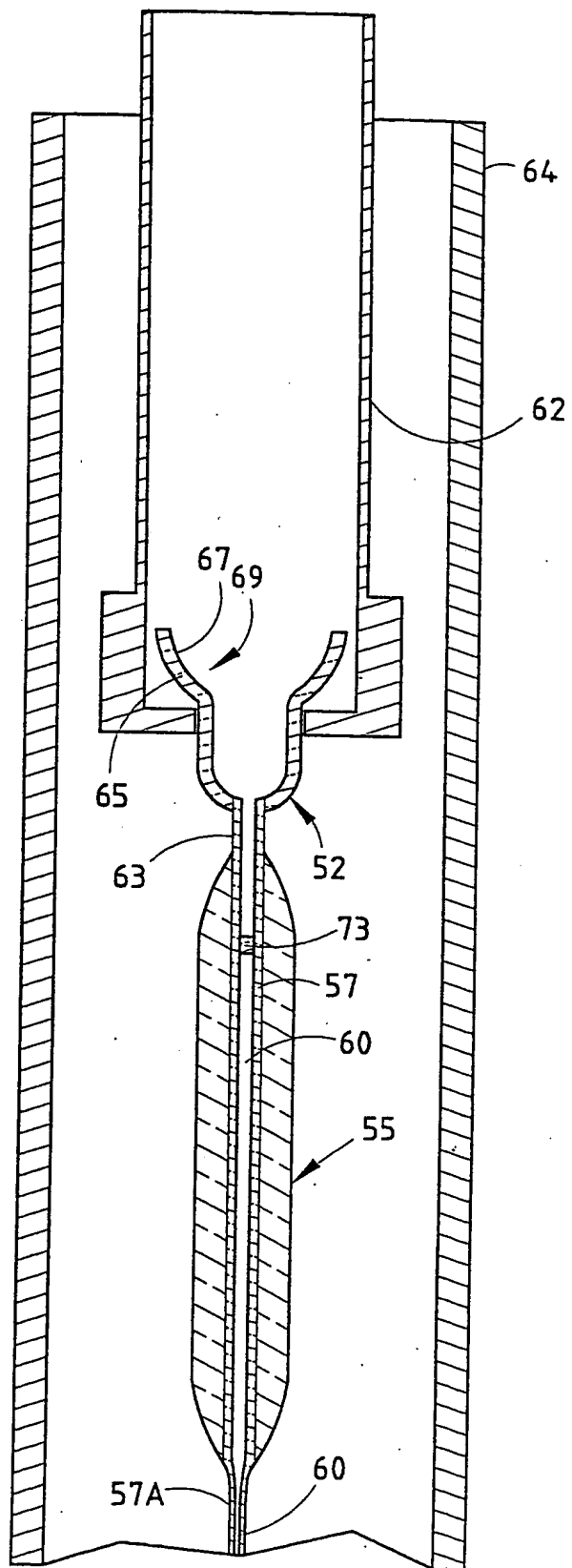
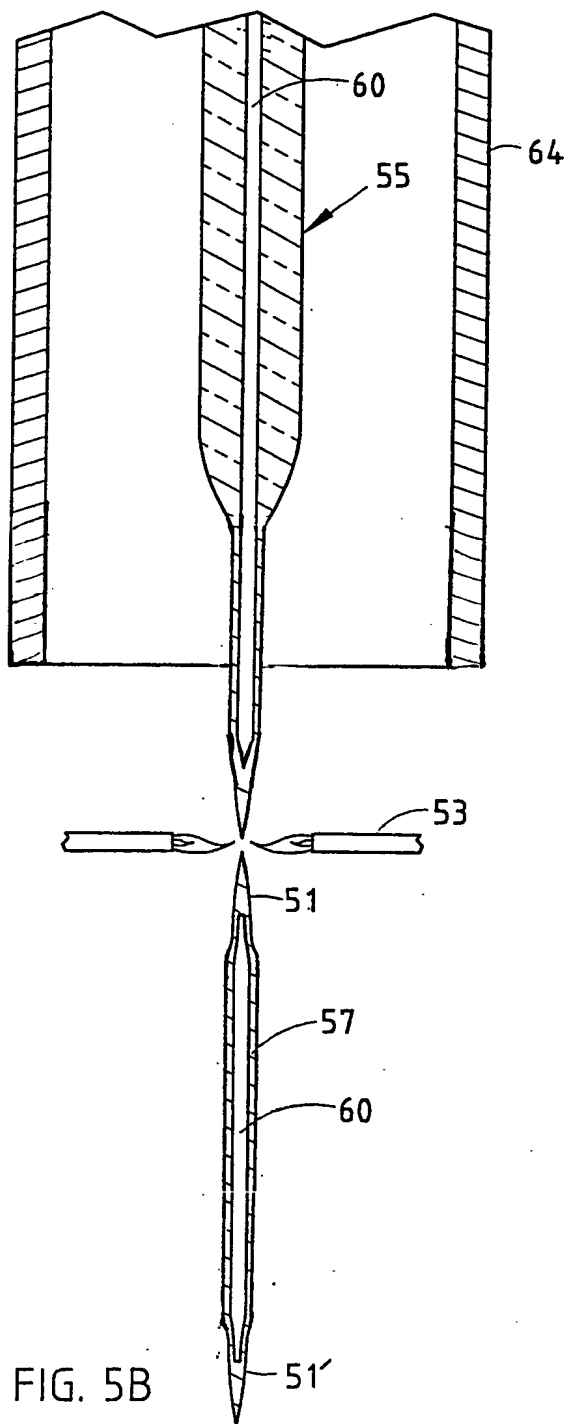


FIG. 5A



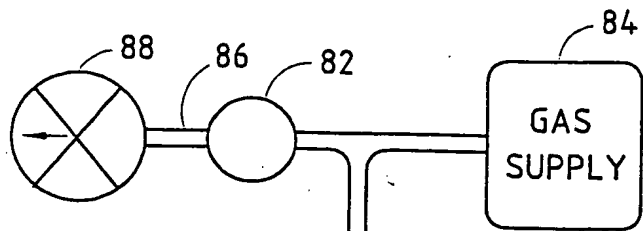


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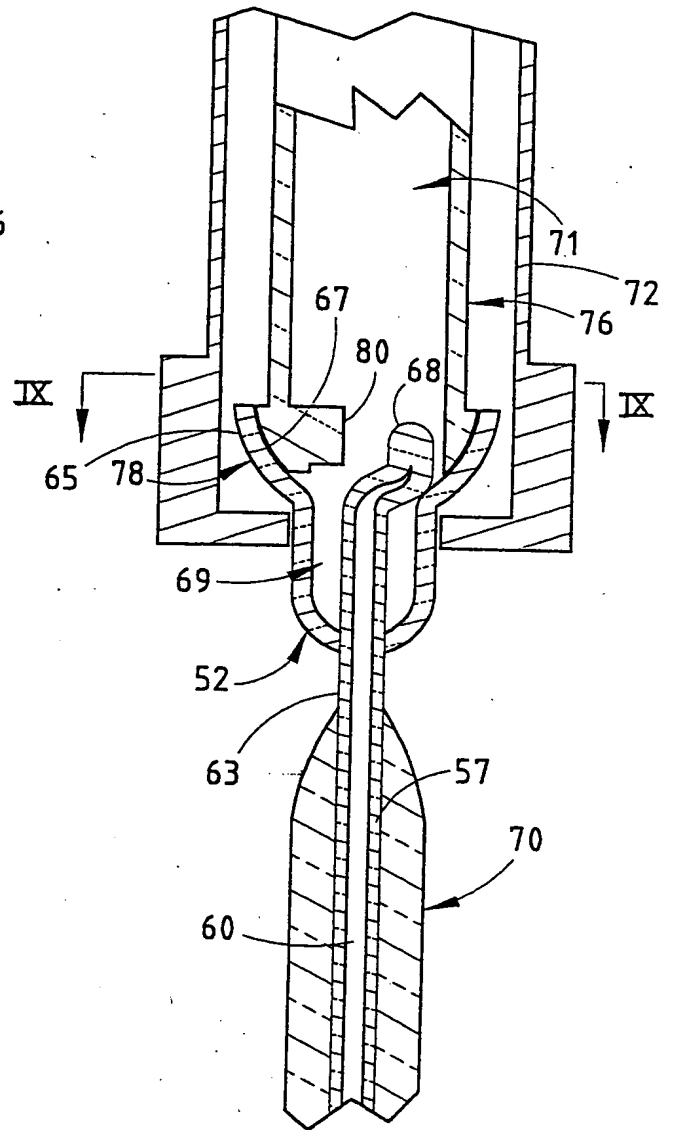
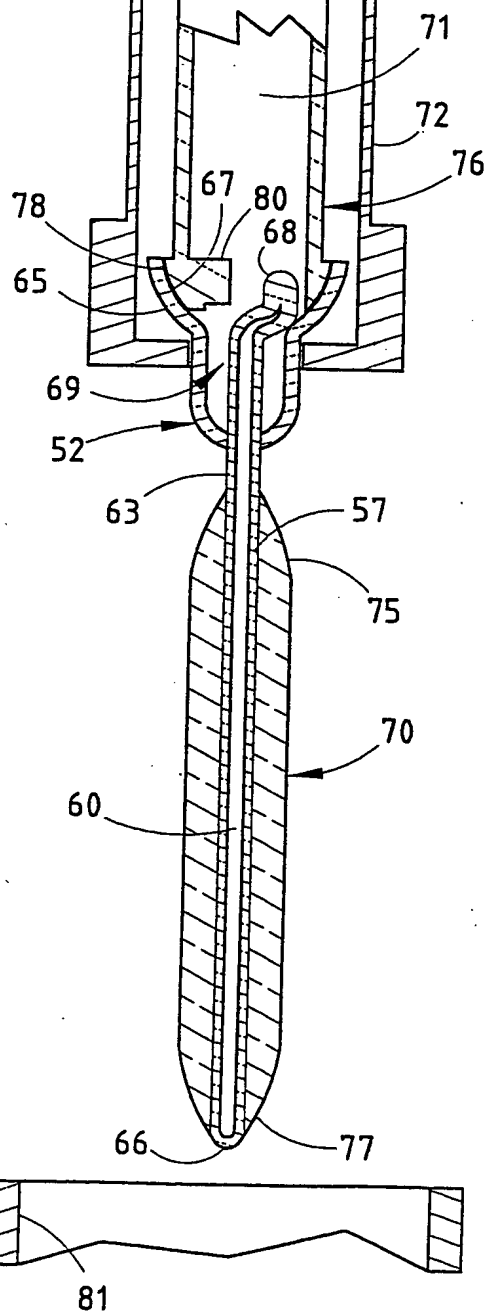


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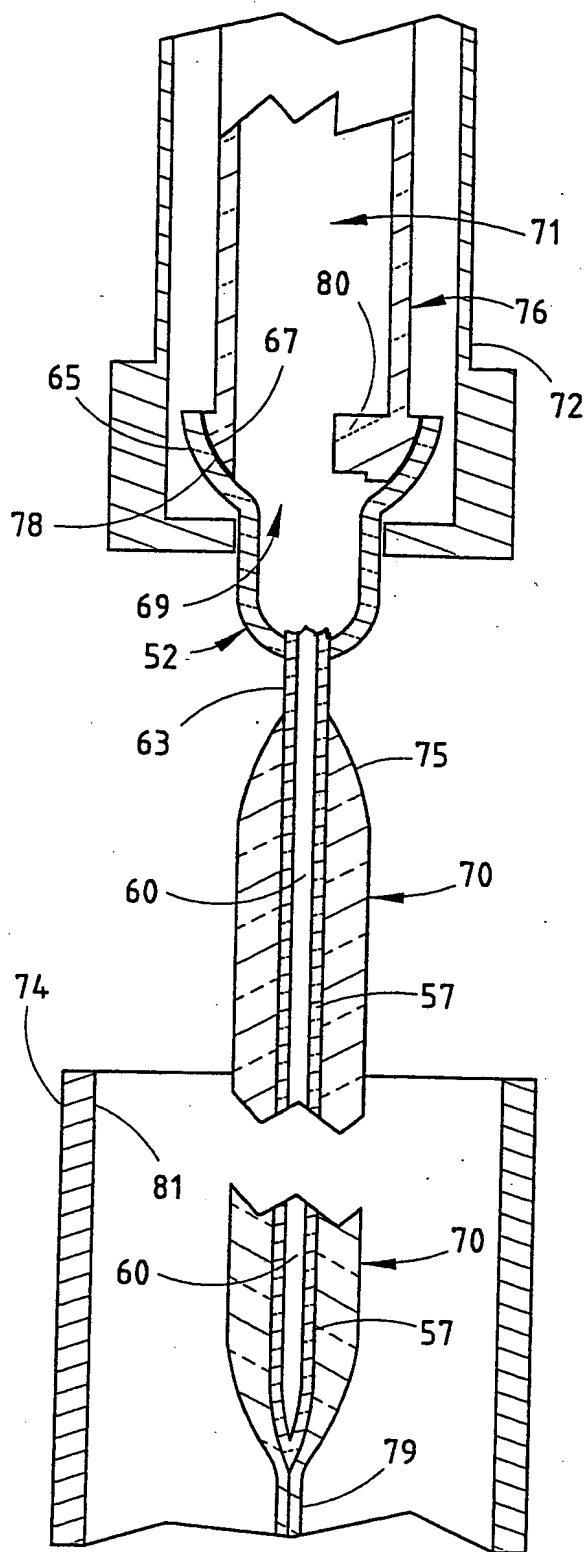


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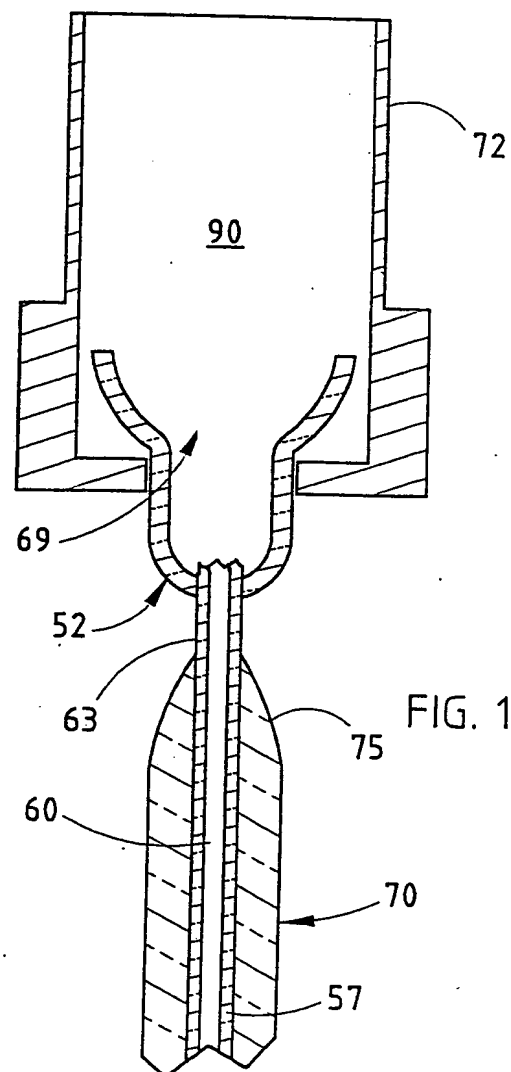


FIG. 12

STEP 1: FORM GLASS PREFORM WITH CENTERLINE HOLE AND INTEGRALLY ATTACHED OUTER HANDLE 100

STEP 2: SUSPEND GLASS PREFORM WITHIN DRAWING MACHINE 102

STEP 3: MATE OUTER HANDLE WITH INNER HANDLE 104

PLACE GLASS PREFORM IN HOTZONE? 106
YES
STEP 4: PLACE GLASS PREFORM IN HOTZONE

REMOVE GLASS PREFORM FROM HOTZONE 108
YES
STEP 5: REMOVE GLASS PREFORM IN HOTZONE

APPLY VACUUM TO INNER HANDLE? 110
YES
STEP 6: APPLY VACUUM TO INNER HANDLE

STEP 7: BACK FILL INNER HANDLE WITH DRY OR DRYING GAS 112

STEP 8: SNAP CANE 114

EXPOSE OUTER HANDLE AND CENTERLINE TO AMBIENT AIR? 128
YES
STEP 9a: EXPOSE OUTER HANDLE AND CENTERLINE TO AMBIENT AIR

STEP 11: DRAW OPTICAL FIBER FROM GLASS PREFORM 130

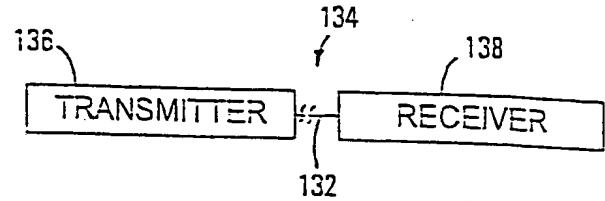


Fig. 15

FIG. 13

STEP 6a: SNAP CANE 120
APPLY VACUUM TO CENTERLINE? 122
YES
STEP 7a: APPLY VACUUM TO CENTERLINE
STEP 8a: BACKFILL CENTERLINE WITH DRY OR DRYING GAS 124
STEP 6b: EXPOSE CENTERLINE TO DRY OR DRYING GAS 126
NO
STEP 9: PASS DRY OR DRYING GAS OVER OUTER HANDLE AND TO EXHAUST 116

ROUTE EXHAUST GAS TO ONE-WAY VALVE? 118
YES
STEP 10: ROUTE EXHAUST GAS TO ONE-WAY VALVE

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